(2) The Board is of opinion that the opening of the road is highly necessary. It also resolved that provision for land acquisition at least Rs. 6,000 be made in 1108 budget.

Second crop assessment collected.

204. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount of second crop assessment collected by them in 1106, 1107 and 1108?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—

Year.	*Assessment* Rs.	As.	Ps.
1106 ..	9,856	2	11
1107 ..	6,047	9	4
1108 (till the end of Edavam) ..	9,328	14	8

Enhancement of Anchal rates—increase in receipts.

205. Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there has been any increase in receipts consequent on the enhancement of Anchal Service rates, this year; and if so, how much?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The following figures show the probable increase this year:

	Actuals of 1107	Actuals of 1st 10 months of 1108	Probable receipts during the last two months	Total for 1108
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Sale of Anchal Stamps	63,746	51,482	16,283	67,765
Sale of Service do	35,423	35,753	9,737	45,490
Postage due	1,160	1,377	278	1,655
Hundi Commission	5,811	5,620	1,160	6,780
Total	1,06,140	94,232	27,458	1,21,690

Pay and seniority of certain officers.

206. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) the salary that Messrs. P. V. Raphael (the present Registrar of Village Panchayats), M. A. Vareed and M. Achyuta Menon (Tahsildars), V. C. Krishna Menon and K. Parameswara Menon (Sub-Magistrates) were drawing at the close of the year 1103 and at present;

(b) their names in the order of seniority as it stood at the close of 1103 and as it stands to-day?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

Messrs.	*At the close of 1103.* Rs.	*At present.* Rs.
(a) P. V. Raphael	100	260
M. A. Vareed	85	160
M. Achyuta Mneon	75	150
V. C. Krishna Menon	125	150
K. Parameswara Menon	100	140

The order of seniority at the close of 1103 Messrs.	*At present.*
(b) V. C. Krishna Menon K. Parameswara Menon P. V. Raphael M. A. Vareed M. Achyuta Menon	No order of seniority has been fixed between these officers at present as they are now working in the different departments.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—With reference to answer to sub-division (b), that no order of seniority has been fixed between these officers at present as they are now working in the different departments, if a question of seniority arises what is the criterion by which it will be decided?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Ordinarily, no question of seniority will arise, because they are working in different departments.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Has the drawing of higher pay anything to do in these matters?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Generally higher pay is one of the important considerations in fixing seniority.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Where officers are in different departments, do you consider the officer drawing a higher pay senior to the officer drawing less pay?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—When they are working in different departments, the comparative seniority is not considered.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Does the Government mean to say that they are not in a position to say who is senior among these?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. It is so.

Mr. P. Raman Menon—May I take it that the order of seniority fixed in 1103 still exists?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot answer that question. Without further studying the problem I cannot answer that.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—What is the problem, I would like to know.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The problem of seniority.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Has anybody lost his seniority?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—The question that was put was about their seniority. I do not know why the Hon'ble Member wants 'notice' to elucidate that information.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question of seniority has not been decided so far, since they are working in different departments. If the Hon'ble Member still persists and asks for information on it, I should simply say that we have not considered the question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether in giving promotions to some of these gentlemen who now get higher pay, the order of seniority that existed on the date of such promotion was ever taken into consideration? Here we have got 5 persons: Messrs. V. C. Krishna Menon, K. Parameswara Menon, P. V. Raphael, M. A. Vareed and M. Achyuta Menon. Their pay and the order of seniority at the end of 1103 are given here. Now, these gentlemen are seen drawing their pay in the reverse order. Persons who were drawing a higher pay then, get lower pay now, whereas persons who were drawing smaller pay, now get very high pay. At the time of such appointments was the order of seniority between them considered by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There were certain special appointments to be filled up, and those most fitted for the place were selected.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether at the time of the appointment of Mr. P. V. Raphael to the place which now fetches him Rs. 260, the claims of Mr. V. C. Krishna Menon who was then drawing Rs. 125 were considered?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was in the Judicial Department then. Naturally the claims of officers in the Judicial Department are not considered when such appointments are made.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to understand that promotions will be given to those gentlemen who are working in the same department, and are we to understand persons who had the folly to go to another department are to be condemned?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no question of condemning. Generally their claims are not considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there not at that time a gentleman in the Huzur, Mr. C. P. Achyuta Menon, in the same grade or even in a higher grade?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. C. P. Achyuta Menon, if I remember aright, was at that time the Special Assistant to the Diwan Peishkar in connection with the land acquisitions for the Railway extension.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In the light of the answer to sub-division (b) are we to understand that promotions will be given to those gentlemen who are working in the same department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I can't give any answer.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was the case of Mr. C. P. Achyuta Menon considered when the appointment of the Panchayat Registrar was made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was not then available.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—His disqualification was that he was not put in a more ready market. Is it not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no disqualification.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government kindly explain the problem how officers with less service and less pay get more pay after three years than those who were drawing more pay and who had put in more service? Considering questions 206 and 207 together it will be seen that within three years people with less service draw more pay.

President.—We are now on 206.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—The next question also deals with the same subject. Both questions can be dealt with together.

President.—Is the question the same?

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—Yes. The same.

President.—Then question Nos. 206 and 207 may be considered together.

Seniority among Sub-Magistrates.

207. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state,—

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